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## **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR RABBITS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

### **COMMERCIAL RABBITS**

The animals must be accompanied by U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee. Additional information shall include:

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The animals were born and raised in the United States.
2. No animals originating from other countries have been introduced into the farm of origin for at least 90 days prior to export.
3. The animals were examined and found to be free of any clinical evidence of disease.
4. During the 90 days prior to exportation no outbreaks of any disease affecting rabbits have occurred on the farm of origin.
5. The animals offered for export were isolated at least 30 days prior to shipment.
6. The rabbits come from a State, county, or area where myxomatosis has not been reported to occur within the past 12 months prior to shipment.

### **TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

The animals must be tested negative to the following diseases:

1. Hemorrhagic viral disease of rabbits: Hemagglutination inhibition test.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. If crossing by land, the animals will be inspected by a Mexican veterinarian at a facility in

the United States at one of the following border points: Brownsville, Texas; Laredo, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; Eagle Pass, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Presidio, Texas, Columbus, New Mexico; San Luis, Arizona; Nogales, Arizona; Calexico, California.

2. Prior to their arrival, the farm of destination must have been certified by the Mexican Animal Health authorities as free of viral hemorrhagic disease of rabbits (VHDR).
3. After their arrival, the animals will be quarantined at the farm of destination for 30 days, during which time they may be sampled and tested.
4. The U.S. origin health certificate must be typewritten. Handwritten certificates will be rejected by the Mexican Animal Health authorities.

### **PET RABBITS** **(Mascotas)**

The rabbit(s) must be accompanied by a health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the owner. Additional information shall include:

1. The rabbits were born in the United States.
2. The animals were examined and found to be free of any clinical evidence of disease.
3. The animal(s) have not been affected by any infectious diseases during the past 90 days.
4. During the last 30 days, the pet rabbit(s) have not been in contact with any other rabbit.
5. The rabbits come from a State, county, or area where myxomatosis has not been reported to occur within the past 12 months prior to shipment.

### **Test Requirements**

The animals must be tested negative to the following diseases:

1. Hemorrhagic viral disease of rabbits: Hemagglutination inhibition test.

### **Other Information**

1. After their arrival, the rabbits must remain isolated on the premises for 30 days without coming into contact with any other rabbits. If any illness is observed during this period the owner must inform the appropriate veterinary authorities.